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## HOW SCIENCE PROVES GREAT ANTIQUITY OF DISEASE IN MANKIND.

The immense antiquity of disease is shown by scars and malformations on the fossilized remains of animals that lived hundreds of millions of years ago. Evidence would seem to indicate that living things did not suffer from disease until the carboniferous age, according to Prof. Roy L. Moodie, writing in the Scientific Monthly. In that period of rampant life, when the enormous quantities of vegetable matter were being deposited on the earth to become our coal beds, disease seemingly began its melancholy career. The oldest known evidences of pathological conditions among animals are to be found in the remains of a very primitive worm-like type of the coal age. During this age there was a widespread development of bacteria, which doubtless had its meaning in the origin of disease. Germ diseases are indicated; teeth of fossil fishes show evidences of gangrenous conditions.

The period immediately succeeding the carboniferous age was marked by the great development of huge and curious reptiles. Fossils of these reptiles show widespread disease conditions and give the first evidences of injuries as they prevailed among the early forms of life. The prevalence of disease reached a height during the age of huge reptiles, and their extinction apparently brought about the disappearance of many diseases which attacked them. At any rate, the incidence of diseases went down sharply with the disappearance of the reptiles and remained low until the rise of our own mammalian type, when it reached a very high point, which still continues. We know from medieval history that diseases became extinct, and doubtless many of the maladies from which prehistoric animals suffered are now extinct, and many that we suffer from did not exist among them.

## HEAVY; "ECLAT" IN HIS RIBS

Yankee Cook "Over There" Tries Odd Food Experiments.

Private William L. Pettit of No. 282 East State street, Doylestown, Pa., has gained a lot in weight since he's been "over there."

In the first place he's a cook in one of the United States army ambulance sections which is serving with the French army.

In the second place, he has just left a hospital where he was sent after being injured by shrapnel and where he says he received better food than he himself cooked.

And in the third place he's carrying around in his ribs a piece of "eclat" which the surgeons thought had better remain where it was.

He's back at the front on duty again and he says the chunk of steel in his ribs doesn't bother him a bit.

## WAR STOPS BIG FREE FEAST

Beardstown, Ill., Gives Up Its Famous Annual Fish Fry Celebration.

The war has laid a heavy hand on gaiety at Beardstown, Ill. Following a conference of business men it was decided to discontinue with the annual free fish fry which had been a custom for more than 30 years. It was claimed it would take 3,000 fish and 5,000 loaves of bread to feed the crowds, and that the food was needed elsewhere.

## Women Read Oil Meters.

Women to read meters in the place of men is the latest stunt in the oil fields in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Gas and Electric company has a number of women, for meter readers, and others will take the place of men called to army service.

## Pays a Twenty-Nine-Year-Old Bill.

Given \$15 with which to pay a grocery bill 29 years ago, at Parkersburg, W. Va., a woman who failed to pay and later moved to a Western town, has just made restitution on her deathbed, sending double the sum to the grocer.

## This Kaiser Abducted.

Kaiser Bill may put off abducting for a time, but Kaiser, Arthur H., of Chicago, took a chance at it the other day and abducted in favor of Kinsball, Arthur H., via a petition to change name in the circuit court.

## Describing Him.

"That fellow is such a fool," commented the gnat Missouriian, "that I reckon likely when he was a baby his maw used to hold him by the ankles and tote him around with his head hanging down like a chicken."—Kansas City Star.

## YANK MAJOR WOUNDED REFUSES A FURLOUGH



After serving with the British army in France Maj. Cushman Rice came home when America entered the war to fight with his own men. He was commissioned a major in the air service. He was badly wounded last spring but refused a furlough. He suffered a relapse and is now at Walter Reed hospital slowly recovering.

## CAPTURES OWN BROTHER

Dramatic Incident Occurs on the Western Front.

The great war—breeder of romance and adventure—has given birth to one of the most dramatic situations recorded since the Kaiser's hordes started on their march through Belgium in 1914.

A United States marine fighting on the western front recently captured his own brother during a raid on the enemy trenches. During the days of the Civil war, when brother fought brother and father and son faced each other through the smoke of battle, such incidents were more or less everyday occurrences. But in this, the greatest of all wars, writers have been quick to say that romance in battle was a thing of the past.

Private Harold J. Dibbs of the U. S. marine corps, tells of the incident in a letter written to his parents in Great Falls, Mont.

"A strange incident happened when I went over the top. I saw a marine capture his own brother, who had been put into the German army while on a visit over there. Another soldier of an allied nation wanted to kill him, as he had helped in the capture. It was an interesting sight, to be sure. The brother declared his intention of joining the American forces."

## SINKS MANY HUN SUBS

French Marine Patrol is Doing Effective Service.

A report just issued by the French admiralty shows that during the month of July of this year, the aerial sea and coast patrols of the French marine covered a total of 485,330 miles.

This includes the work of the capture and navigating balloons, coast airplanes and seaplanes. Credit for the sinking of many submarines by French boats is given the aerial branch of the marine service because of its untiring work in ferreting out the sea pirates. The aerial patrol also discovered numerous groups of mines laid by German submarines in French waters.

During July, the report states, captive balloons were in action for 5,540 hours, dirigibles for 1,811 hours, airplanes and hydroaerons for 7,432 hours. During the months of June the aerial sea patrol covered 447,040 miles.

## SPOILS HYMN OF HATE

Yank Shell Cuts Short Note Being Written by Hun.

A square hit from an American shell ended the hymn of hate a German non-commissioned officer was writing, in a dugout in a French village, to his sweetheart in Berlin. The letter was found near his body when the American troops occupied the town.

"Dear Frieda," the note read, "I am waiting for the time when this awful war will be over and I can come back and hold you in my arms. But first I hope it will fall to my lot to kill a dozen of these dirty American dogs who—"

The letter ended there. A shell had penetrated the dugout and blown the German to pieces.

## Pearls at \$35 Per Day.

Pearls at \$35 a day is the computation made regarding the cost of upkeep of a single string of pearls which have been sold at auction in London.

Mme. de Fialbe's pearls were sold for \$237,000, the largest amount ever paid for any article of art or luxury sold at auction. Annual interest on the sum would be approximately \$12,000 a year. If worn but on a few great occasions during a year, as is likely, they become more expensive than Caviar.

## Mid Sugar in Pillow Slip.

Government investigators are after sugar hoarders at Pottsville, Pa., some of whom bought large supplies before the regulations went into effect. One woman was found to have 550 pounds of sugar concealed in pillow slips.

## HOW COURTESY HELPS IN BUILDING OF EVERY KIND OF BUSINESS.

—Here are a few words of wisdom which all young people in business would do well to take to heart.

Never forget to be affable. Every human being is entitled to courtesy. When one is abrupt in speech or inattentive, such conduct frequently promotes anger and resentment in others, leaves an unfavorable impression, and frequently interferes with one's business success.

In business matters listen to the opinion of your colleagues. It is not well to go into consultation with your own opinion positively fixed—no man is infallible in his judgment, and a sound judgment depends largely on knowledge. It is advisable when acting with others to secure their opinion, sometimes before you express your own.

The most successful business men are those who, while having confidence in themselves, are able to appreciate the judgment of other intelligent men. A wise man will be influenced by the wisdom of someone else, as well as by his own reasoning.

## DEITY HURRIED OVER WORK

Why West Coast of Japanese Island Is Rough and Dangerous Explained by Legend.

It is said in the Ainu folklore that the island of Yezo, in Japan, was made by two deities, a male and a female, who were the deputies of the Creator. The female had the west coast allotted to her as her portion of the work and to the male deity were assigned the south and eastern parts.

They vied with each other in their tasks to see which should get through first. But as the goddess was proceeding with her work she happened to meet the sister of Otonina and instead of attending to her duties, stopped to have a chat with her, as is the general custom among women when they meet.

While they were thus talking the time sped until the male deity, continuing to work away, nearly finished his portion. Looking up and seeing this, the female became very much surprised and frightened, and in order to hasten matters did her work hurriedly and in a slovenly manner. Hence it is that the west coast of Yezo is so rough and dangerous, says an exchange.

## How Japan Will Help French.

The officers of the Japan Kindergarten union received two messages from the International Kindergarten Union of America. One is signed by the president of the union and their international committee on conservation and protection of children during the war, and another by the director of the American unit in France, Miss Fanniebell Curtis of New York.

These messages, printed in Japan, give the purpose and scope of the kindergarten unit. The plan was presented to the Japan Kindergarten union at its twelfth annual meeting held in Karuizawa, and it was unanimously voted to ask the director of each kindergarten in the union to present to her children this scheme for helping needy children "overseas," before, or by Thanksgiving day, of this year. The sum thus collected will be sent to the kindergarten unit of the Red Cross.

## Why U-Boats Are Not Sunk.

It is only when the naval airman catches a glimpse of a submarine, or even only that of a periscope, that he experiences a thrill which dispels the monotonous drudgery of the daily routine, says R. W. Neezer, in Scribner's Magazine. But the disappointments are apt to be frequent, for it is one thing to sight a submarine and quite another to reach a position directly overhead before her crew have noticed the warning hum of the seaplane's motor and have warily concealed their frail craft beneath the protecting ocean waves. A seaplane may make daily flights over the Mediterranean, in the Adriatic, across the Channel, or along the coast of the Bay of Biscay, for months and months at a time without ever sighting a single periscope.

## How Barrel Hoops Aid Soldiers.

The latest barbed wire fence which the French have designed to check the advance of the enemy, employs a series of immense barrel hoops, on which barbed wire is strung. The hoops are securely fastened to a wooden fence form—six hoops to a section of fence, so that it is possible for each entanglement section to roll over and over like a string of lopsided pushballs joined together to form a solid unit.

When the sections are to be set up, they are dragged out under cover of darkness and so arranged that the natural land formations of the vicinity conceal them from advancing troops.

## How Veldt Sores Were Healed.

Septic sores, or veldt sores as they were called during the South African disturbance, are as prevalent in Palestine as they were in Sinal. Only one doctor there can cure them in quick time. He is a Coptic in Upper Egypt, and his treatment consisted in cutting the sore clean out of the affected part, after which he used an ointment of his own manufacture. The worst sores generally healed within two weeks.

## OWOSSO MARKETS.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 6, 1918.

### GRAINS

Quoted by Fred Welch.

Wheat, white.....	\$ 2 12
Wheat, red.....	2 14
Oats.....	88
Rye.....	1 54
Barley.....	1 85
Corn.....	

Beans.....Per Bu	\$4 60
Cloverseed, white.....	18 00 to 19 00
Cloverseed, June.....	18 00 to 19 00
Cloverseed, Mammoth.....	18 00 to 19 00
Hay.....	\$22 to \$24 00

### DRESSED MEATS

Quoted by Bowers & Metzger.

Beef, dressed.....	14 to 16
Calves, dressed.....	22
Pork dressed.....	21
Tallow.....	15

### HIDES

Beef hides, green.....	15 to 16
Horse hides, each.....	\$6.00

### PRODUCE, VEGETABLES, FRUITS

Butter.....	50
Eggs.....	52
Potatoes.....	1 00

### LIVE POULTRY

Quoted by Randall Bros.

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Eggs.....	63

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In the matter of the estate of Mary B. Snapp, deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Mathew W. Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Roy D. Mather, in the City of Owosso, in said County of Shiawassee, on Friday the 19th day of January A. D. 1919, and on Monday, the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1919, at the City of Owosso in said County of Shiawassee, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate and that four months from the 19th day of January A. D. 1919, is the time for creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated the 6th day of November A. D. 1918.

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## Commissioners' Notice.

In the matter of the estate of William Broad, deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Mathew W. Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Owosso Savings Bank in the City of Owosso in said County of Shiawassee, on Friday the 7th day of March, A. D. 1919, and on Monday, the 10th day of April, A. D. 1919, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate, and that four months from the 7th day of March A. D. 1919, is the time for creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated the 6th day of November, A. D. 1918.

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